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Fire Sprinkler Standpipe Flow & Pressure Test

Dear Charleston Fire Department – Fire Marshal Division & SC Licensed Fire Sprinkler Contractors,

Charleston Water System's (CWS) Board of Commissioners recently approved an application and \$500 fee for assisting with and providing temporary water use for Fire Sprinkler Standpipe Flow & Pressure Tests that are required to be performed on buildings within Charleston Water System's jurisdiction. This application and fee will be required starting March 1, 2022. The Fire Sprinkler Standpipe Flow and Pressure Test application will be posted to CWS' website on February 1, 2022 and can be found at <http://www.charlestonwater.com/146/Fire-Hydrant-Water-Use>. What do you need to know;

- 1) Prior to scheduling a Fire Sprinkler Standpipe Flow & Pressure Test and use of a CWS fire hydrant for temporary water use, you must notify CWS' Cross Connection Control (CCC) Department by submitting a completed application to Mr. John Watkins, Cross Connection Control Program Manager at (843) 727-7216 or watkinsjd@charlestoncpw.com.
- 2) The CCC Department will respond to your application request with an invoice for you to pay the fee to CWS at either 103 St. Philip Street (downtown Charleston) or 6296 Rivers Ave. (North Charleston). Once payment has been received, the Fire Sprinkler Standpipe Flow & Pressure Test can be scheduled with one of our Inspectors. We require three (3) days advance notice for scheduling and prefer these tests be conducted in the morning or before 12:00 pm.
- 3) The \$500 fee is a one-time expense and is required for each building being tested. For each test, the CWS Inspector will be available until a passing result of the Fire Sprinkler Standpipe Flow & Pressure Test is achieved.

We anticipate a smooth transition and implementation of this new requirement. If you have any questions, please reach out to me at (843) 727-7216 or watkinsjd@charlestoncpw.com.

Sincerely,

Charleston Water System

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Watkins". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John D. Watkins
Cross Connection Control Program Manager